Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee 1

Amendment No. 1 to SB1552

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1552*

House Bill No. 1895

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 63-6-239. The chief of staff of a hospital medical staff, or someone acting on his/her behalf, may submit correspondence to the board voicing concern when a physician who has agreed to take "on-call" coverage at the hospital has failed on multiple occasions to take action within the timeframe enunciated through hospital policy for either responding to emergency department staff or actually appearing at the emergency department pursuant to EMTALA situations.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 9, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 63-9-118. The chief of staff of a hospital medical staff, or someone acting on his/her behalf, may submit correspondence to the board voicing concern when a physician who has agreed to take "on-call" coverage at the hospital has failed on multiple occasions to take action within the timeframe enunciated through hospital policy for either responding to emergency department staff or actually appearing at the emergency department pursuant to EMTALA situations.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.